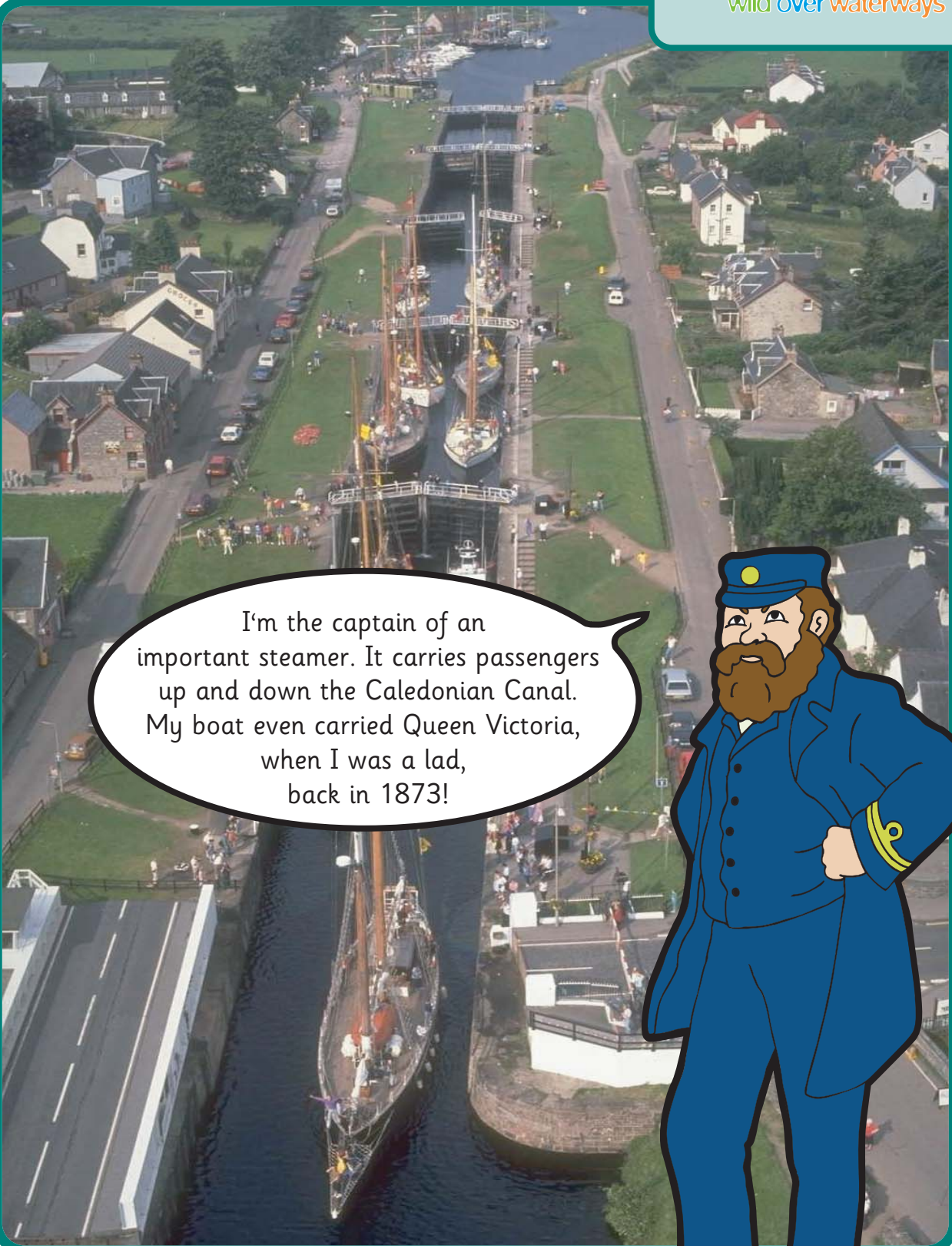


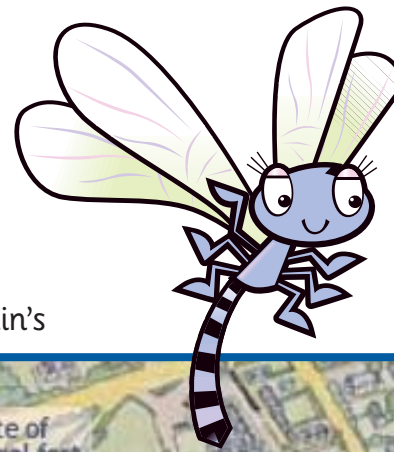
Fort Augustus Captain's Trail



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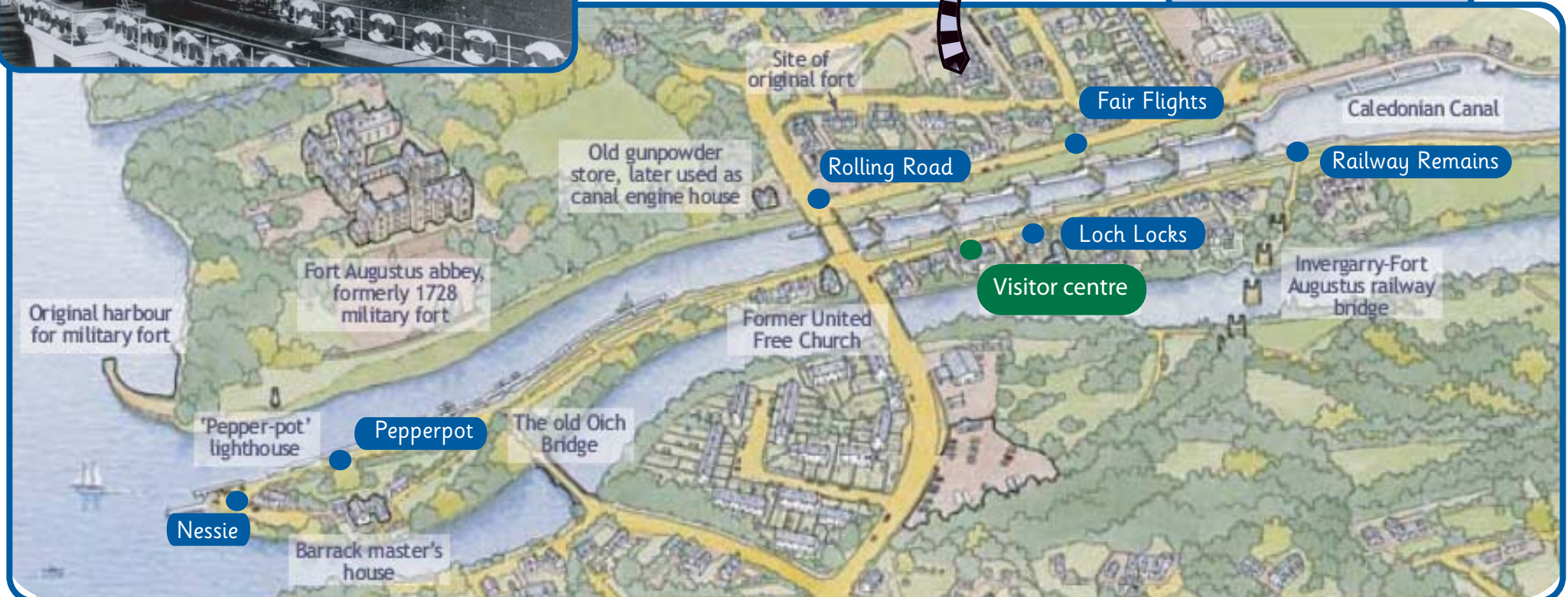


This is a steamer just like the captain's



How confusing!
A loch is a lake and a lock is a chamber that controls water levels on a canal or river.

Fort Augustus



This is the Caledonian Canal at Fort Augustus, it travels all the way from Inverness on the east coast of Scotland to Fort William on the west coast. It joins up 4 lochs (the one you can see now is the biggest; Loch Ness) and allows boats to journey from one coast to the other without going all the way around the top of Scotland by sea. It had to be built wide and deep enough for sea faring vessels.

Always remember to stay **SAFE** near water - **Stay A**way **F**rom the **E**dge



Captain, can I have a lift on your boat across the loch?

What?! Who are you?
I'm far too busy and important to stop and talk.



Loch Locks

"I'm just here checking how busy the locks are so that I can pick up my passengers and bring them through. I don't like to keep them waiting... Did I tell you Queen Victoria came on my boat?"

Can you see how the locks work?
Is the water level the same in all the locks?

Railway Remains

"Will you look at that rubbish they're building; a train line! Trains have no class at all, they bump you about far too quickly, why would anybody choose that over my superb boat? It'll never be a success, they might think it will be quicker but it would have to be unloaded and loaded at the sea port anyway."

There is no railway here today but you can see the remains over the river. How do you think it crossed the canal?

Fair Flight

"Make sure you stay away from the edge, these locks are dangerous. They're very deep which is great for my amazing boat - not so good for annoying children playing too near the edge."

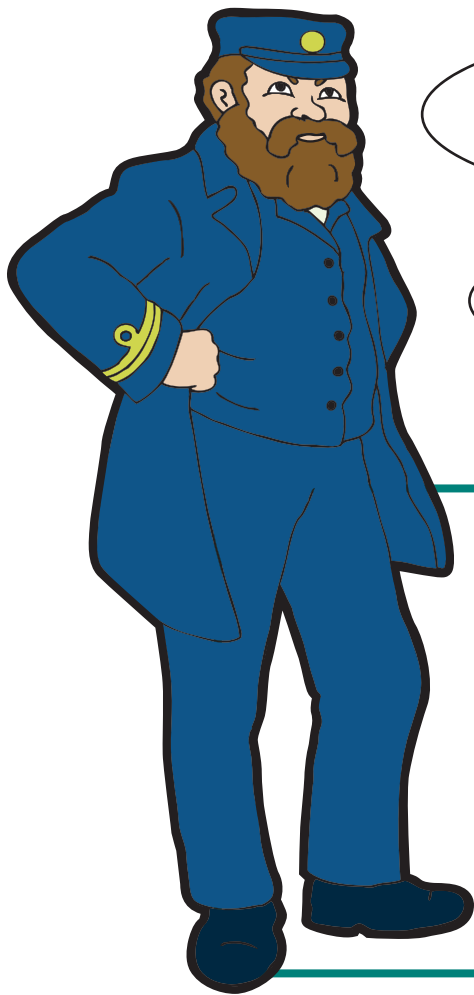
Why do you think boats might use the canal today?

They're operated by pressing buttons now but they used to be operated in a different way.

Can you see any clues to how they were used?

Fascinating Facts

In 1882 a steamer named Rockabill smashed through one of the lock gates. Luckily a quick thinking lock keeper caught the boat between the lock gates as the boat was forced back by the water. This stopped the boat causing more damage and flooding the village.



Come on captain I could help you out on the boat, I can do loads of things. Bet I'd make a great captain one day.

There is nothing I can't do myself! Goodbye.

Rolling Road

"I have to organise with the bridge keeper to get the road swung out of the way so my boat can get past. I can't believe it isn't ready for me."

How long do you think it takes to turn the road out of the way?



Know it all. Bet he doesn't know who put the mice on his boat last week!

Pepperpot

"I know all about this canal, ask me anything! See that little round building over there? That is a cast iron pepperpot lighthouse; one of the smallest of its kind. They were built to help boats navigate at night - not that I would need it!"

Why is this a good place for a lighthouse?

Nessie

**Do you believe in the Loch Ness Monster?
Draw what you think Nessie might look like.**

I really want to go on the captain's boat. Maybe I could go hide on the boat before he gets back, see you later.

